

Beavers & Us



Aggressive Colonists

— Judith Versavel

- Beaver effects on water tables
- Landowner/CA management partnerships
- Natural history of beavers
- Baffling beavers
- Spotting beaver dams from satellites

Monday April 22, 9-4

Civitan Hall, Perth

6787 County Rd. 43 (east of 3M)

Workshop, Lunch & Coffee - \$10

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9:00 Introductions

9:30 – 10:30 **Cherie Westbrook**, Professor and Researcher– Hydrology Centre,
University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon

Effects of Beaver Activity on Groundwater Far From the Beaver Ponds

What is the influence of beavers at the watershed scale?

10:30 – 11:00 **Rudy Dyck** – Director of Watershed Stewardship Services,
Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

Cooperative Responses to Beavers by Conservation Authorities, Municipalities and Landowners

11:00– 11:30 **Mike Richardson** – Public Works Supervisor,
Central Frontenac Township

Municipalities' Concerns with Beavers

Ontario's road crews defend against flooding every spring and fall. The municipalities need to have landowners take a role in the management of the beaver situation.

11:30 – 12:30 **Michel Leclair** -- Professional beaver manager,
Successful Beaver Management – Tools and Plans

Michel has successfully managed beavers in Gatineau park for over 30 years without trapping, but with specialized tools and management plans incorporating habitat information. Michel was a subject in CBC's "*The Beaver Whisperers*."

12:30 – 1:00 Lunch & Discussion

1:00 – 1:30 **Don Cuddy** – Harlowe landowner,
retired Regional Ecologist

Matching Wits with the Beavers – My Relationship with Beavers on 300 Acres of Mississippi Drainage.

Don has a lifetime of experience in ecological management

2:00 -2:30 **Cliff Maclean** –landowner,
Hastings County

Roles of Beavers in a Constructed Wetland

On his Ducks Unlimited-improved site, Cliff has had success with a beaver baffler design; it has solved the problem of beavers damming the outflow from his wetland.

2:30 – 3:00 **Jean Thie**, Ecoinformatics International,
Remote Sensing Specialist

Finding Beaver Dams Using Remote Imagery

Jean will show results from his remote imagery search (across most of Canada) to characterize beaver dams.

3:00 – 4:00 **Michael Runtz**, Naturalist, Photographer and Author

"*Dam Builders: the Natural History of Beavers and their Ponds*" to be published in 2014

Michael Runtz will give an overview of beaver natural history as well as the rich diversity of life their habitats support - ranging from ponds to dead trees and meadows. Learn the sophisticated modifications of the beaver and their ability to transform entire landscapes to suit their needs. A highly engaging and sought-after speaker.